

12. Rs. 1,204 under '20—Education—4. Secondary girls—Grant-in-aid'.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Sir, for a similar reason under a different sub head I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1204 under "20—Education—4. Secondary Girls—Grant-in-aid". I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the grant.

Demand was put and carried.

13. Rs. 18,471 under '20—Education—5. Primary boys—Grant-in-aid'.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 18471 under "20—Education—5. Primary Boys—Grant-in-aid". The reason for this additional allotment is the same as was explained in the case of item number 1. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the additional allotment.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—This 18471 is demanded for grant-in-aid to Primary Boys. It is difficult to understand how such a large amount was not anticipated at the time of the framing of the budget. Are there very many new schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—There are two ways, either we may budget for a very narrow margin or for a very large surplus. It has been the habit of Government to see as far as possible that the amounts budgetted are for the bare minimum. The Hon'ble Member wanted to know whether new schools had been started. Under the rules, grants are a matter of grace and Government are not compelled to give grants unless they have sufficient funds. Every year the claims of new classes are very carefully scrutinised and it is open to the Government to say that for want of sufficient money, it is not possible for them to give any aid to the classes started last year. But it is not possible to find in advance what will be the precise number of such cases and whether they can reasonably grant or refuse to give aid. This is the result partly of actual strength exceeding our anticipations and partly due to what I can only call the liberal way of aiding primary education.